(b) whether it is a fact that the present rate of customs duty of the newspaper machinery and duty on newsprint are very high which is hitting the newspaper industry hard; if so, whether Government propose to lower these rates?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI AJIT PANJA): (a) The Newsprint Allocation Policy for the year 1986-87 and 1987-88 has been announced on 13-11-1986. The delay in its announcement took place because the entire gamut of distribution of newsprint with a view to removing certain lacunae was under consideration of the Government.

(b) No, Sir.

Setting up of nuclear power reactor at Kaiga in Karnataka

1686. SHRI MAHENDRA PRASAD:
SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE:
SHRI T. CHANDRASEKHAR REDDY:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided to set up a nuclear power reactor at Kaiga in Karnataka; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof, indicating its cost, capacity and availability or import of know-how, if any, and the steps being taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT, ATOMIC ENERGY, ELECTRONICS AND SPACE (SHRI K. R. NARAYANAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The two units of 235 MWe each with a total capacity of 470 MWe are estimated to cost Rs. 719 crores. The nuclear power station does not involve any import of know-how as it is based on indigenously produced designs and equipment. Manufacture of long-term-cycle equipment is in progress. Infrastructure development at the site has commenced.

Planting of eucalyptus trees

1687. SHRI TALARI MANOHAR: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that four-years old Eucalyptus trees in Brazil yield as much as forty five cubic metre|ha|year as against 5—10 cubic metre|ha|year in India;

(b) whether it is a fact that Eucalyptus is thriving in eighty countries outside Australia, including India, despite resistance by ecologists and environmentalists and social workers; and

(c) whether a pragmatic, need-based pattern of planting of Eucalyptus trees is proposed to be worked out for the country, taking into account various socio-economic factors?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI Z. R. ANSARI): (a) Yes, Sir. It is possible although exact data is not available with us. Even within India there are large variations in productivity of eucalyptus depending on the site, quality and species. For eucalyptus hybird, which is generally grown in India, the average annual yield from 4-year old plantations varies from 0.40 to 11.30 cubic meters per ha.

(b) Eucalyptus is reported to be thriving in 58 countries over 4 million ha. of area and trial plantings are being carried out in many other countries.

(c) According to our present policy, exotic species like eucalyptus should be grown only in areas, where it is environmentally sound to do so. Government are not in favour of monocultures.

Use of monozite for generation of atomic power

1688. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether considerable deposits of monozite are contained in the sand on the Western Coast of India;

(b) whether recent studies have indicated that it can be a source of generation of Atomic Energy; and

(c) if so, whether Government propose to utilize the available monozite for production of atomic power?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT, ATOMIC ENERGY, ELECTRONICS AND SPACE (SHRI K. R. NARAYANAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The thorium present in monazite can be used to produce energy. However, it is expected that use of thorium or a commercial scale for production of energy will be achieved only towards the end of this century.

Implementation of programmes

1689. SHRI P. N. SUKUL: Will the Minister of PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of cases pursued till October 1, 1986 where the Ministry of Programme Implementation has succeeded in ensuring proper implementation of the programmes; and

(b) what is the State-wise break-up of the cases in which the Ministry has not met with success and the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI A. B. A. GHANI KHAN CHOUDHURY): (a) and (b) Presumably, the Hon'ble Member is referring to implementation of Twenty Point Programme by the Ministry of Programme Implementation. This is done on monthly and quarterly basis. After the issue of Monthly Progress Reports, letters are addressed to State Governments bringing to their notice points/items of poor performance and urging them to take suitable measures for effective and speedy implementation of the Programme. The Ministry does not monitor cases.

Deal for the purchase of super computer from U.S.

1690. SHRI CHITTA BASU
SHRI A. G. KULKARNI:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have finalised deal with the United States for the purchase of highly sophisticated super computers; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof and the conditions on which the super computer has been agreed to be made available?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT, ATOMIC ENERGY, ELECTRONICS AND SPACE (SHRI K. R. NARAYANAN): (a) and (b) Based on the evaluation of offers for super-computers from companies in United States and Japan, Government has placed one letter of intent with a US firm for the supply of super computer to India Meteorological Department. The US Government has not communicated the conditions for export of the super computer.

Arrest of culprits involved in assassination of General Vaidya

1691. SHRI KALPNATH RAI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state whether the culprits who were responsible for the assassination of General Vaidya have been apprehended and prosecuted?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): Two persons have been apprehended in this case and efforts are afoot to arrest the other accused. Prosecution will be launched on completion of investigation.